

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of checking sheets such as bonds, documents or the like as to forgery thereof, said sheet being provided with an electronic circuit chip from or in which information can be read out or written and having visible information, comprising the steps of:

encrypting the visible information of said sheet and storing the encrypted visible information in said electronic circuit chip, and

determining discriminatively authenticity of said sheet on the basis of the visible information of said sheet and the information stored in said electronic circuit chip.

Claims 2-8 (Canceled)